

PEACE TERMS WILL BE READY BY CHRISTMAS

Actual Signing, However,
Not Expected Until
Next Spring

HUNS TO LISTEN ONLY

Paris, Nov. 20.—December 16 has been definitely set as the date on which the preliminary conferences will begin between President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando.

The program thus far developed warrants the belief that the four nations represented by these men will agree upon the main points of peace before Christmas. The smaller nations are then expected to be consulted as to the details.

Germany will not be called in before late January, it is believed, and then only to hear the results of the allied-American deliberations and to suggest modifications.

Meanwhile the armistice will have

The general feeling here is that once the allies and America have agreed on the main points they will impose the peace terms upon Germany with little discussion. It seems obvious that the central powers' settlement of their own governmental and social problems will have a considerable bearing upon the final peace treaty.

Clemenceau Visits House.
Premier Clemenceau conferred with Col. House at the latter's bedside this afternoon. It was the first official visit of its kind the colonel has been able to receive in weeks. This day

able to receive in weeks. Two days ago he had sufficiently recovered from the attack of influenza to take a short walk, but a relapse set in shortly afterward and his physician bade him

Col. House's physical condition makes it improbable that he will attend next week's conferences of allied leaders in London preceding the peace conference.

preliminaries. Premier Clements leaves for London late this evening or early tomorrow, and it is believed he called upon the American delegation for the purpose of gathering a clear outline of the latter's views on the subjects to be discussed at the Downing street confab.

Hoover and Hurley have made repeated calls at his residence to discuss the food and shipping problems.

Portuguese Arrive.
The Portuguese peace delegation arrived here today. It is the first full delegation to reach Paris. Delegates of the other nations will begin to arrive early next week. By tacit understanding, the various representatives have arranged it so they will arrive here just prior to the opening of the preliminary conference so as to avoid even the semblance of shaping sentiment for or against certain issues that will

None of the delegates are making extensive reservations at Versailles which is taken as proof that the al-

important work is to be done at the foreign office on the question of D'orsay with only two or three plenary sessions including the final ratification at Versailles. Premier

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Commutes Choir Boy's

Fate to Life Sentence

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The death sentence of Paul Chapman, Brooklyn choir boy, who was convicted of complicity in the murder of Harry R. Gensberg, a cigar store proprietor, was today commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Whitman.

The governor expressed his belief in the guilt and sanity of the defendant and said he acted only because of his youth. Chapman was between 16 and 17 years of age when the crime was committed.

GERMANY ASKS INQUIRY.

Proposes Commission to Fix Blame for War's Start.

Amsterdam, Nov. 20. (German press.)

The note, which is transmitted through Switzerland, proposes the

all belligerents be asked to place their secret documents bearing on the subject at the disposal of the commission.

Charges Ex-Kaiser with Murder

Paris, Nov. 30.—A formal charge of murder has been lodged against the former Kaiser by Mme. Prieur, whose husband lost his life when the steamship Sunxess was torpedoed by a German U-boat.

Blames Berlin for War.

Zurich, via Paris, Nov. 30.—In speech at Munich Premier Eisner declared Berlin caused the war and that the Berlin foreign office was now fomenting a counter revolution.

Extradition Discussed.

Major Straight Seriously Ill.
Paris, Nov. 30.—Maj. Willard Straight is seriously ill here with pneumonia.

King George Honors Foch.
Paris, Nov. 30.—King George, who has just arrived here, has bestowed the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor on Marshal Foch.